



1971 Round 21 Sunday 15th August Brookvale Oval



Manly-Warringah 20

def.

Western Suburbs 15

Bob BATTY *Fullback*
 Derek MORITZ *Wing*
 John McDONALD *Centre*
 Michael McLEAN *Centre*
 Ken IRVINE *Wing*
 Ian MARTIN *Five-eighth*
 Graham WILLIAMS *Half*
 Mal REILLY *Lock*
 Peter PETERS *Second Row*
 Allan THOMSON *Second Row*
 Norm POUNDER *Front Row*
 Fred JONES (c) *Hooker*
 Bill HAMILTON *Front Row*

Tony FORD
 Don ROGERS
 Tim MURPHY
 Derek BROUWER
 Mick ALCHIN
 Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
 Brian WINNEY
 Barry BRYANT
 John ELFORD
 John BAKER
 Tony ANTUNAC
 Ken STONESTREET
 Russell JOHNSTONE



Tries
 Derek MORITZ (2)
 Fred JONES
 Michael McLEAN

Russell JOHNSTONE
 Tim MURPHY
 Brian WINNEY

Goals
 Derek MORITZ (3)
 Bob BATTY (1)

Tony FORD (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: D Rogers, T Murphy, D Brouwer, M Alchin; five-eighth: T Raudonikis (c); half: B Winney; forwards: B Bryant, J Baker, J Elford, R Johnstone, K Stonestreet, A Antunac

Manly-Warringah: Full-back: R Batty; three-quarters: K Irvine, J McDonald, M McLean, D Moritz; five-eighth: I Martin; half: G Williams; forwards: M Reilly, P Peters, A Thomson, N Pounder, F Jones (c), W Hamilton **Referee: J Harris (Rugby League Week 19th August 1971)**

... Manly are almost resigned to make their premiership bid without the services of star lock Mal Reilly. Reilly aggravated his troublesome knee injury in his comeback match yesterday. The Sea Eagles were a battered bunch after yesterday's tough struggle with Wests. With the wind behind them in the first half, Manly led 10-3 at the break after throwing away several scoring chances. Wests came back strongly in the second spell, inspired by some excellent long range kicking by full-back Tony Ford. It was 50-yarder from Ford which had Wests breathing down Manly's back 15-18, with 15 minutes to go. Manly forwards then tightened play and kept it safe for the remaining minutes until Derek Moritz landed a penalty goal in front to seal the 20-15 win. Wests' forwards, led by Tony Antunac and Russ Johnstone, displayed their best form of the season and worried the life out of Manly. Five-eighth Tom Raudonikis had an interesting duel with Ian Martin – honours finishing about even. Manly won through their ability to keep the ball alive more in the six tackles and Graham Williams, John McDonald and Derek Moritz had bright games in attack. Norm Pounder was a constant worker in the Manly pack and shone with grand cover. **(The Sun 16th August 1971)**

Manly-Warringah's lethargic performance against Western Suburbs yesterday hardly deserved the distinction of clinching their first Rugby League minor premiership. Wests looked the better side in the second half, even before Manly lost lock Mal Reilly and hooker-skipper Fred Jones with injuries. With two tries and three goals, including a 53-yard penalty by full-back Tony Ford, the Magpies whittled Manly's 18-8 lead to 18-15. Repeated crashing burst by Wests' forwards and smart passing and backing-up by their backs kept the result in doubt until two minutes from time. Then a foolish scrum breach close to Wests' line and right in front of the posts gave Manly a penalty. Derek Moritz kicked the simplest of goals and sealed Manly's 20-15 win. Winger Moritz, who scored 22 points against Penrith in the previous round, added 12 more yesterday, bringing his season's total to 131. Moritz yesterday scored two fine tries and kicked three goals from six attempts. Each of his tries finished off superb teamwork by Manly but these were brief flashes of top-of-the-table form in Manly's generally "flat" display. One aspect of the game to hearten Manly supporters was the continued good form of half Graham Williams and his growing understanding with five-eighth Ian Martin. Centres John McDonald and Michael McLean, standing in for Bobby Fulton, made some strong runs and defended stoutly. Bill Hamilton was a hard-working forward. For Wests, Tom Raudonikis had a good all-round game at five-eighth, while Tony Antunac and Barry Bryant were tireless workers among the forwards. **(Sydney Morning Herald 16th August 1971)**

Notes: John Elford came in for the suspended Rod Smith and aided the Wests' forwards in a "softening up" period where both Mal Reilly and Fred Jones were injured for Manly. Mike McLean, ironically the son of Wests' great Peter McLean, had an exceptional game for Manly. Wests, led by a powerhouse display by Russ Johnstone, came back very strongly in the second half to almost pull the game out of the fire.